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OPA Daily Digest for 11/21/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (Mo.) 10/29/13. Recommendation for an EPA position. Due: 11/13/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Scrrips - Lawan Hamilton/Mark Greenblatt – 11/8/13 – Inquiry regarding the status of the Doe Run consent agreement. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

KMOV Channel 4, St. Louis – Russell Kinsaul – 11/21/13—Seeking comment on report from anti-nuclear activist and former U.S. Department of Energy employee Robert Alvarez critiquing EPA Region 7's actions at West Lake Landfill. (Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed))

Environmental Stories:

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Nuclear critic urges removal of radioactive waste at West Lake Landfill - 11/21/13 - The West Lake Landfill is, in reality, an unregulated radioactive waste dump that should be cleaned up under the same federal program as similar St. Louis-area sites contaminated with World War II-era uranium processing residues, a nuclear industry critic said in a report released today. The 17-page report isn't based on new data. Instead, it draws from dozens of existing studies that go back more than half a century.
http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/nuclear-critic-urges-removal-of-radioactive-waste-at-west-lake/article_4d9aee98-c7ab-594e-99d7-383774ceda3b.html

KMOV-TV Ch. 4 - Bridgeton landfill with radioactive waste under microscope today - 11/21/13 - A fire underneath the closed Bridgeton sanitary landfill and the stinky smell it puts off has raised new concerns about what's buried at the neighboring landfill. The Westlake Landfill is an EPA Superfund cleanup site, where tons of radioactive waste was dumped illegally in the 1970s. Concerns about the fire spreading to the radioactive material raised new concerns about what to do about the Westlake Landfill.
<http://www.kmov.com/news/editors-pick/Bridgeton-landfill-with-radioactive-waste-under-microscope-today---232854801.html>

Salina Journal - Experts outline next step in dealing with contamination at former Schilling base - 11/20/13 - Another step in the long mission to address contamination at the former Schilling Air Force Base has begun, but actual cleanup is still years away.
<http://www.salina.com/news/schilling-11-20-13>

KBIA Radio - Mo. DNR seeks public input on waterways that don't meet quality standards - 11/21/13 - The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is looking for public input on its list of impaired bodies of water.

<http://kbia.org/post/mo-dnr-seeks-public-input-waterways-dont-meet-quality-standards>

eMissourian - Area Sewer Districts Face Tougher Water Quality Rules - 11/21/13 - Area sewer districts are faced with making costly upgrades to their systems to come into compliance with new water quality standards.

http://www.emissourian.com/local_news/county/article_a683e95a-363e-583a-ba44-8beb0ada8450.html

Des Moines Register - Environmental groups plan lawsuit against pork producer over manure spills in Iowa - 11/21/13 - A coalition of state and national environmental groups has notified Illinois-based pork producers, The Maschhoffs, it intends to file a lawsuit against the company over repeated hog manure spills into Iowa waterways.

<http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/11/21/environmental-groups-plan-lawsuit-over-manure-discharges/article>

The Humane Society - Coalition Notifies Iowa Factory Farm of Intent to File Clean Water Act Lawsuit over Repeated Manure Spills - 11/21/13 - A coalition of community, environmental and animal welfare organizations sent a notice of intent to sue Illinois-based The Maschhoffs, LLC over repeated discharges of hog manure to waterways from one of its Iowa factory farms.

http://www.humanesociety.org/news/press_releases/2013/11/iowa_lawsuit_112113.html

Nebraska Radio Network - EPA ethanol proposal could deal blow to Nebraska farmers (AUDIO) - 11/21/13 - A proposal by the Environmental Protection Agency could deal the ethanol industry a set-back.

<http://nebraskaradionetwork.com/2013/11/21/epa-ethanol-proposal-could-deal-blow-to-nebraska-farmers-audio/>

KGAN-TV Ch. 7 - Iowa Leaders Protest EPA Biofuels Rules - 11/20/13 - Gov. Terry Branstad, U.S. Rep. Steve King, and Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey will lead a group of industry executives Friday in an event aimed at defending the current levels of ethanol and biodiesel in the nation's fuel supply. The Environmental Protection Agency proposes to reduce by almost 3 billion gallons the amounts of biofuels blended into gasoline in 2014 than the law requires.

<http://www.cbs2iowa.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/iowa-leaders-protest-epa-biofuels-rules-23668.shtml>

Iowa City Press Citizen - EPA offers grants to replace older diesel engines in Iowa - 11/21/13 - Owners of construction vehicles with older diesel engines in nine Iowa counties may apply for a federal rebate to help replace the vehicles or retrofit older vehicles with new cleaner burning engines. The Environmental Protection Agency is making \$2 million available for public and private owners of construction vehicles.

<http://www.press-citizen.com/viewart/20131121/NEWS01/131121005/EPA-offers-grants-replace-older-diesel-engines->

Farm Industry News - Voice RFS level concerns at protecttherfs.com - 11/21/13 - If biofuels have helped improve your income and your community, tell Washington -- now. There's a petition online at ProtectTheRFS.com, a new website launched by Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and Iowa Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds. The website is designed to voice concerns about the EPA's proposal to reduce RFS levels for 2014. If you have a website, you might add a link to it.

<http://farministrynews.com/blog/voice-rfs-level-concerns-protecttherfscom>

Shoshone News - Death at Doe Run: EPA shuts another smelter - 11/21/13 - While our first Affirmative Action president fiddles, Nero-like, over the smoking rubble that was the American economy, few outside of the gun-nut community — of which we are card-carrying members — noticed the newest death-rattle, this emanating from the small (pop. 3,468) town of Herculaneum, Missouri. There in Herculaneum, at year-end, we will witness the demise of Doe Run, this nation's last primary lead smelter and in operation since 1892 — thanks, once again, to the goalpost-moving United Snakes Environmental Protection Agency and its lackeys in the green movement.

http://www.shoshonenewspress.com/columns/article_0ed28fe4-52e6-11e3-8475-0019bb2963f4.html

Iowa Farmer Today - Bees need quality habitat to survive - 11/21/13 - The European Union's restriction on the use of neonicotinoids and the joint USDA/EPA report of a

continued decline in honey bees reminds us of the on-going issues with pollinator health. Specifically, the decline of honey bee populations is reaching a breaking point for pollinated crops in the United States.

http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/regional/bees-need-quality-habitat-to-survive/article_b5df92ee-52cf-11e3-b66f-0019bb2963f4.html

The Missourian - Area Sewer Districts Face Tougher Water Quality Rules - 11/21/13 - Area sewer districts are faced with making costly upgrades to their systems to come into compliance with new water quality standards. Some improvements could require rate hikes for customers, officials say. The city of Washington will not have to make upgrades to its plant because it is only about five years old and was designed to be in compliance with stricter rules from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

http://www.emissourian.com/local_news/county/article_a683e95a-363e-583a-ba44-8beb0ada8450.html

Iowa Farmer Today - Next generation of biofuels years away - 11/21/13 - The first trickle of fuels made from agricultural waste is finally winding its way into the nation's energy supply, after years of broken promises and hype promoting a next-generation fuel source cleaner than oil. But, as refineries churn out cellulosic fuel, it has become clear, even to the industry's allies, the benefits remain, as ever, years away.

http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/regional/next-generation-of-biofuels-years-away/article_fb53e94a-52d1-11e3-8bd3-0019bb2963f4.html

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

12/3/13 – SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

12/5/13 – RA Meeting, Washington DC. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

12/9/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

12/16/13 – Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

12/18/13 – Missouri Agribusiness Association Annual Convention, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

12/19/13 – Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office, Wendy Lubbe, 7551

DRA:

12/5-6/13 – Executive Management Council, Washington DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

12/9/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

12/19/13 – Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office, Wendy Lubbe, 7551

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

12/12/2013 – Attending outreach session with Iowa Utilities on Carbon Pollution Standards, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Mark Smith, 7876

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

12/4-6/13 – Senior Enforcement Managers Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: DeAndré Singletary, 7373

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

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11/20-22/13: Oversight of pre-construction activities West Lake Landfill, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

WWPD

None

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